

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

01/18

(II Ordinary Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held after the Mass in the Church Hall. No **Catechism class**. At the meeting: Fr. Adam's Pastoral report, Parish Committee reports & election of the Parish Committee officers for 2026. **All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this very important meeting.** *In case of bad weather, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday, Jan 25. No Mass Intention!*

01/25

(III Ordinary Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall.

ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: JACQUELINE GIROUARD (01/19), MICHAEL PAPALEO (01/25). Happy birthday!

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January 18, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

II SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For ++ RICHARD & MAUREEN JEPEAL (req. by Walter and Donna Motulski)

INTROIT

C: Here is My Servant Whom I uphold, My chosen One with Whom I am pleased,

R: Upon Whom I have put My Spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HOLY MASS

10 am



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

IS 49:3,5-6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength!

It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Titus.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

PS 40

1 COR 1:1-3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 1:29-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this Gospel, John the Baptist teaches us how to recognize Jesus not by outward appearances, but through faith and obedience to God's revelation. When John points to Jesus as the Lamb of God, he recalls the sacrificial lamb of the Passover and announces that Jesus will take away the sin of the world - not through force, but through self-giving love. John makes it clear that his own mission was never about himself; he came to prepare the way so that Christ might be made known, even if that meant stepping into the background.

The descent of the Holy Spirit like a dove reveals Jesus' true identity and confirms God's promise. John did not rely on personal familiarity or assumptions, but trusted the sign given by God. This teaches us that faith grows when we listen attentively and remain open to God's action. Like John, we are called to witness to Christ - not by drawing attention to ourselves, but by pointing others to the One who brings forgiveness, healing, and new life through the Holy Spirit.

In what ways is God inviting me, like John the Baptist, to point others toward Christ through my words, actions, and daily choices?